(d) the action taken by Government against the cotton seed companies employing child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Criteria for giving reservation to SC/STs and OBCs

*329. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the system adopted while giving reservation to SC/STs and OBCs in Civil Services and competitive examinations held by UPSC, SSC, etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that while allocation is made to SC/STs and OBCs, even meritorious reserved category candidates are also included in it; and

(c) whether Government would change this system of allocation for the benefit of the SC/STs and the OBCs?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Reservation to SCs, STs and OBCs in posts filled by UPSC, SSC etc. on All India basis is available at the rate of 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively. Number of reserved vacancies is determ ined on the basis of post-based reservation rosters. Reserved category candidates selected on their own merit are not adjusted against reserved vacancies.

(b) The reserved category candidates-recommended in the General Merit list by the UPSC, SSC etc. are included in the reserve list in the matter of their service allocation only if it is to their advantage.

(c) In view of the above, No, Sir.

Upgradation of certain ESI Hospitals in Karnataka

*330. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kamataka Government have sought upgradation of